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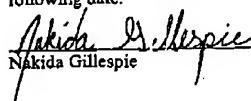
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Our firm has decided to withdraw from representation of Abbott Laboratories. To facilitate the withdrawal of our representation, we have requested from the United States Patent and Trademark Office permission to withdraw as attorney of record. Enclosed please find copies of these requests. This filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office will allow us to formally withdraw from representation. Once approval is received by Merchant & Gould, we will no longer be held responsible for your legal matters.

I am also transferring to you at this time your original files, as listed herewith, and have not retained copies. These files will be removed from our docket system, and once the Patent and Trademark Office has granted the withdrawal, we understand that you will assume responsibility for all future docket dates. Enclosed is a current Docket Report detailing all outstanding due dates for the next one year period. We have removed these deadlines from our *docket* and *annuity* system. You are advised to immediately seek new counsel so as not to jeopardize your intellectual property portfolio. Failure to respond as required by the USPTO to future docket dates could result in the loss of your intellectual property rights. We understand that you are already working with the firm of Wood, Phillips, Katz, Clark and Mortimer regarding related files. Accordingly, we believe our withdrawal would not prejudice Abbott Laboratories.

Finally, we note that you have still an outstanding balance of \$3,865.87. We trust that you will remit payment shortly.

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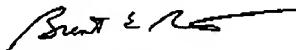
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